



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Grandparents,

A special thank you to all the families, students, staff, volunteers, and the Bishop Rosati's Knights of Columbus for helping us celebrate Catholic Schools week. Seeing so many of you share in our activities during Catholic Schools Week, as well as throughout the year, is an outstanding testimony to Catholic Schools giving "Dividends for Life".

On another note, **PLEASE** be careful when backing out onto Knox street after dropping students off. *Thank you!*

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Registration forms for the 2010-2011 school year have been sent out. If you did not receive yours, call the school office. Registration forms & fees for all Pre-K through 8th grade students are due in by March 1, 2010. **Please fill out your registration form as soon as possible and return to Denise Council with your fee to hold your spot for the next school year.**

SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to our Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee winners:

- 1st place - Luke Golemon
- 2nd place - Megan Mazander
- 3rd place- John Nogaj

They are now qualified to move on to the next level of competition - REGIONALS!

Congratulations - We are so proud of you!

BEFORE CARE

Terri Franciscovich (parish secretary), will be available to provide Before-Care for St. Mary's students in the morning for those parents who need to bring their children to school early. The children can be dropped off at the parish basement starting at 6:45 AM until the start of school. This will be available Monday through Friday (excluding snow days). Please call Terri @ (309)231-3005 by 8:00pm the night before to let her know you will need before care the next day.

Volunteer Point Fees

All unpaid Volunteer Point fees (from previous years) are due in the Parish office by March 1st.

ATTENTION PLEASE!

While at school functions after hours, please supervise your children at all times, especially in the kitchen. On several occasions, we have noticed *shoeprints* on top of the serving counters, island, and tables. These surfaces are cleaned every afternoon and there simply isn't manpower enough to redo this work again in the mornings. Mrs. McNally is alone to prepare lunch until Mrs. McIntosh arrives at 10:30 a.m. Your help is appreciated.

CALENDAR:

February

- 5 - Midterm reports
- 12 - Happy Valentine's Day - Room parties @ 2:00
- 12 - ALL SCHOOL SACK LUNCH DAY (milk available)
- 13 - St. Mary's 15th Annual Dinner/Auction
- 15 - NO SCHOOL - President's Day
- 16 - Education Commission Meeting 6:30 PM
- 17 - Ash Wednesday

March

- 2 - Parents' Club meeting @ 6:30pm
- 5 - End of 3rd grading period
- 10 - Report cards
- 10/11 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 12 - NO SCHOOL
- 17 - NO SCHOOL- St. Patrick's Day
- 19 - School in session; no Brimfield Bus (AM or PM)



AUCTION NEWS

The St. Mary's 15th Annual Dinner Auction entitled "No Siesta! Let's Fiesta!" is Saturday, February 13, 2010.

Doors open @ 6:00 PM
Dinner @ 7:00 PM
Auction begins @ 8:00 PM
Reservations are required.

Our auction could not exist if not for the generosity of our parish families and friends. Thank you for your donations of items and/or cash. We're looking forward to a wonderful evening!

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year with proceeds going to our students.
Thank you in advance for your support!

DECLAMATIONS

Declamation practice began February 3rd. Practice will be every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 thru March 3rd. We will perform on March 16th at 1:30 in the Parish Hall. This is our last practice. Parents are welcome to attend. The Bishop O'Rourke contest is scheduled for March 18th at Holy Family School.

Students who have signed up to participate include: Matthew Franciscovich, Adam Gilles, Hayden Golemon, Justin McIntosh, Megan Mazander, Logan Plack, Joshua Stenger, Luke Tilly, Dillon Cooper, Laurel Cramer, Alex Cummings. Aaron DeSalvio., Shelby Ludolph, Joey McNally, Grant Nogaj, John Salerno, Peter Smart, Elena Fulton, Austin Golemon, Jill Schmitt, Jessica Simpson, Claudia Cummings, Luke Golemon, Nik Medland, John Nogaj, Mary Rockwell, Jonathan San German, Jacob Weck.

**We're very proud of this great number of participants!
Good Luck to All!**

SCHOLASTIC BOWL

The Scholastic Bowl Team for the 2009-2010 school year are:
7/8 Grade Team – John Carroll, Luke Golemon, Austin Golemon, Matthew Hanley, Nik Medland, Joey McNally, John Nogaj, and Jacob Weck. Thanks to our volunteer assistants,

Scheduled Meets

Thurs.	February 18	Peoria Academy	4:00 (AWAY)
Tues.	February 23	Holy Family	3:45 (AWAY)
Thurs.	February 25	Concordia	3:45 (HOME)
Thurs.	March 4	Concordia	3:45 (AWAY)
Mon.	March 8	St. Phil's	3:45 (HOME)
Thurs.	March 25	St. Mark's	3:45 (HOME)

STUDENT COUNCIL

We are still selling Bergner's Community Days Booklets for \$5 each.

We will also be selling at the Bergner's in Grand Prairie on

Friday, Feb. 19th from 6-8 p.m. (east entrance).

Please let friends and family know to come support St. Mary's Student Council.

Your support helps us help our school in *many* ways beyond school field trips!

PBS KIDS GO! WRITERS CONTEST

To instill a love of literature and give young children a sense of achievement in creating their own stories and drawings, WTVP is launching the PBS Kids Go! Writers Contest (formerly known as the Reading Rainbow Young Writers and Illustrators Contest). The sponsor for our school is Mrs. Stickelmaier, 3rd grade. This is a fun project that is done at home. Parents may help put the finished book together (publishing), but the written story and illustrations must be original work done by the child. The contest is open to students in K – 3rd grade. Begin to plan your story and drawings now. For more detailed guidelines, visit www.wtvp.org and look for PBS Kids Go! Writers Contest. Entries are due to Mrs. Stickelmaier by Monday, March 22nd. Please contact Mrs. Stickelmaier if you have any questions.

SCHOOL BELTS

The school is in need of student belts to keep in the principal's office for students who forget their belt.

GIRLS VOLLEY BALL



Volleyball participants for the 2010 season are:

6th grade – Michaela Breese, Amberose Carman, Laurel Cramer, Shelby Ludolph, Maddie Meinke, and Samantha Spears

7th grade - Hannah Carroll, Ellie Fulton, Elizabeth Mills, Jillian Schmitt, Jessica Simpson, and Isabel Spears

8th grade: Claudia Cummings, Meghan King, Emily Pasker, Mary Rockwell, Lauren Schuler

Coaches: **Mrs. Teresa Sager with Mrs. Teri Carman**

Scheduled Games

Tuesday, Feb. 16: St. Mary's vs.

St. Phil's (HOME)

6TH – 5:30 7TH – 6:30

8TH – 7:30

Monday, Feb. 22: St. Mary's vs.

Peoria Academy (HOME)

6th – 5:00 7th – 6:00

8th – 7:00

Thursday, February 25: St.

It's a Sweet Time to Sign Up for Lunch or Recess Help!

We need some SMS Sweethearts to lend a hand at lunch or recess. Bundle up and join the

kids outside or help serve them in the lunch room. If you can't make it for the entire lunch shift, we'd be happy to have your help a portion of the lunch time. Crucial times we can really use help are from 11:40 to 12:40; those are for the 2nd and 3rd lunch groups. Having adequate lunch coverage insures our children get their hot lunches, get seated, and have ample time to eat before they're dismissed for recess.

Correction: Photos for the yearbook may be sent to stmary.kickapoo@hotmail.com

